IN THE CLAIMS:

1-19. **(Canceled)**.

20. **(Original)** A cementitious composition comprising at least one cement in combination with metakaolin.

21. **(Original)** A composition according to claim 20, comprising not more than 30 parts by weight metakaolin, base don the weight of the dry composition.

22. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 21, comprising not more than 10 parts by weight pozzolan, based on the dry composition.

23. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 22, further comprising a cement replacement material in an amount of not more than 70 parts by weight, based on the dry composition.

24. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 23, wherein the cement replacement composition is ground granulated blast furnace slag and/or pulverized fuel ask.

25. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein the cement is calcium silicate cement.

26. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 25, further comprising aggregate and/or fibre reinforcement.

27. **(Previously presented)** A composition according to claim 20, further comprising not more than 50 parts by weight water, based on the wet composition.

28. **(Previously presented)** A cementitious mortar composition comprising a mixture of cementitious composition according to claim 20 and with sand.

29. **(Previously presented)** A pipe comprising a hollow metallic conduit and a coating provided on an internal and/or external surface to the conduit, wherein the coating comprises a composition according to claim 20.

30. **(Currently amended)** A method for protecting a metal drinking water pipe ~~useful in~~ used for delivering drinking water from corrosion due to water passing therethrough comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a metal drinking water pipe ~~for delivery of drinking water~~,

(b) depositing a cementitious composition on an inside surface of said metal drinking water pipe to form a lining therein, said cementitious composition comprising a cement and 5-30 weight% metakaolin, based on the weight of the cementitious composition when dry, and[[.]]

(c) hardening said cementitious composition.

31. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein the cementitious composition comprises not more than 10 parts by weight metakaolin.

32. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein part of the cement is replaced with a cement replacement material in an amount of not more than 70 parts by weight, based on the weight of the cementitious composition when dry.

33. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 32, wherein said cement replacement material is at least one of ground granulated blast furnace slag and pulverized fuel ash.

34. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein the cement is a hydraulic cement.

35. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 34, wherein the hydraulic cement is calcium silicate cement.

36. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein the cementitious composition further comprises an aggregate material.

37. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein the cementitious composition further comprises fibers as reinforcement.

38. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, wherein the cementitious composition further comprises water.

39. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 38, wherein the cementitious composition comprises not more than 50 parts by weight water, based on the weight of the cementitious composition when wet.

40. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 30, including, between steps (a) and (b), the step of mixing the cementitious composition with sand to form a cementitious mortar composition, prior to being applied to said surface.

41. **(Cancel)**.

42. **(Previously presented)** A drinking water pipe comprising a hollow metallic conduit and a coating provided on at least one of an internal and external surface of the conduit, wherein the coating comprises at least one cement in combination with metakaolin, and wherein the coating comprises 5 to 30 parts by weights metakaolin, based on the weight of the coating when dry.

43. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 42, wherein the coating comprises not more than 10 parts by weight metakaolin.

44. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 42, wherein part of the cement is replaced with a cement replaceable material in an amount of not more than 70 parts by weight.

45. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 44, wherein said cement replacement material is at least one of ground granulated blast furnace slag and pulverized fuel ash.

46. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 42, wherein the cement is calcium silicate cement.

47. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 42, further comprising at least one of aggregate and fibers as reinforcement.

48. **(Previously presented)** A pipe according to claim 47, wherein the coating comprises not more than 50 parts by weight water, based on the weight of the cementitious composition when wet.

49. **(New)** A method according to claim 30 consisting of steps (a), (b) and (c).